

Rail Fare Changes and Proposed Changes Summary

Temporary Elimination of Peak Fare Changes

Metro North has been operating a modified weekend schedule since late March 2020 in response to the pandemic. As a result of this schedule change, peak fares were also temporarily eliminated. Under the CTDOT Service and Fare Equity Policy, temporary fare changes that extend beyond 6 months are considered permanent, therefore the elimination of the one-way and ten trip peak premiums must be considered fare changes and analyzed to identify if the change results in a disparate impact or disproportionate burden.

Elimination of peak one-way fare is considered a fare decrease, as riders will now use the less expensive off-peak fares.

Elimination of peak 10-trip fare is considered a fare decrease, as riders will now use the less expensive off-peak fares.

Mail & Ride Monthly Changes

The Mail & Ride program on the New Haven Line offered by Metro North offers a 2% discount if the purchaser buys a monthly ticket and combines that purchase with the purchase of a monthly Metro Card. Metro North is considering ending this program in favor of the eTix app.

This proposed fare change is considered a fare increase, as it is assumed that riders will switch to the regular monthly pass. At this time, there is no official date for the elimination of the Mail & Ride Program.